

CAFÉ ROMA – PIZZA RUN:

For eight years before the pandemic, Café Roma hosted about 30 students every Saturday for free pizza, drinks and other goodies. It was one of the students' favorite events, as it gave them the chance to get out of Volcanes and into central Puerto Vallarta. The new owner, very generously, started the Pizza Runs again last month, much to the delight of our students. Each class and their teachers go, in turn, to Café Roma each week. Everyone loves CAFÉ ROMA.



VKEP SCHOOL BAND CONCERTS:

Now that in-class studies started again, our school band is very excited to have their classes and band practice in the new “Music Room”. Classes take place on the stage in the Community Center, which is big enough to hold 50 band members and their instruments.

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Thanks to a very generous donation by a member of the Eagle Wings Foundation, we purchased twenty-one new instruments, so each of the fifty members of the band has their own instrument.

The VKEP band has already given several concerts. It played at Inauguration of the Volcanes Community Center, was the opening act at the start of Women's Day on the Malecon and, recently, played in front of the church in Pitillal.

The music students love playing in front of an audience, and the audiences love their music. Our Musical Director, Rafa, works closely with members of the city council to find suitable venues for future performances by this talented

group of students.'



THE PRIMARY AND VKEP SCHOOLS

After two months of in-class studies, the public Primary School next door to our school is full. The school operates two shifts each day; from 8:00 am to noon and from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Each of the six grades is accommodated in the six classrooms, and every classroom has one teacher with approximately forty students. In total, about 500 students are attending the Primary School.





The same students who go to the Primary School come to our VKEP school, and we are back to where we were before the pandemic. Four hundred students are enrolled in our program, and about 350 come to VKEP every day.

We are open from 9 am to 6 pm each school day. We employ seven full-time teachers and have seven classrooms and a two-room library. In addition, the Volcanes Community Center is open for any school to use during the day. It is where our band practices each afternoon, from 4 to 6 pm.

VKEP'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Before VKEP came to Volcanes, very few children stayed in school after they reached the age of fifteen. Thanks to VKEP, the majority of students remain in school until they graduate from high school, and some move on to technical school or University.

Volcanes is a small community located on the outskirts of Puerto Vallarta at the mountains. It has limited services and families who live in Volcanes are poor.

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This success that VKEP enjoys is due to three things. First is the complete support for the program from the families of Colonia Volcanes. Second is the love and support our teachers and staff give to all of the students. And third is the VKEP Scholarship Program.

The VKEP Scholarship Program provides financial support to students in grades seven through university who have a GPA of 8.0 or more, attend school regularly, give 4 hours of community service each month, and give their grades from public school to the VKEP Administrator when they receive them.

Without the scholarships, many students would be unable to stay in school and pursue their dreams.

Currently, we have 100 students in the scholarship program. 35 are in University, 35 in Prepa (high school) and 30 in Secondary (junior high).

Because of the pandemic, we have been unable to increase the number of scholarships available since 2019. But now we have another hundred students who meet our requirements and they all need our help. We need to provide them with the financial assistance to stay in our program and continue with their education and go as far as they can go.

[CLICK HERE TO CHECK OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM](#)

HELP NEEDED

These kids, all of whom have a GPA of 8.0 or better, need financial help to stay in school. We want to add twenty to thirty new scholarships each year until we have 200 students enrolled in the program. At that point, we would be able to enroll ten new students each year and graduate ten students from 2-year trade/technical schools or universities.

All students enrolled in our scholarship program

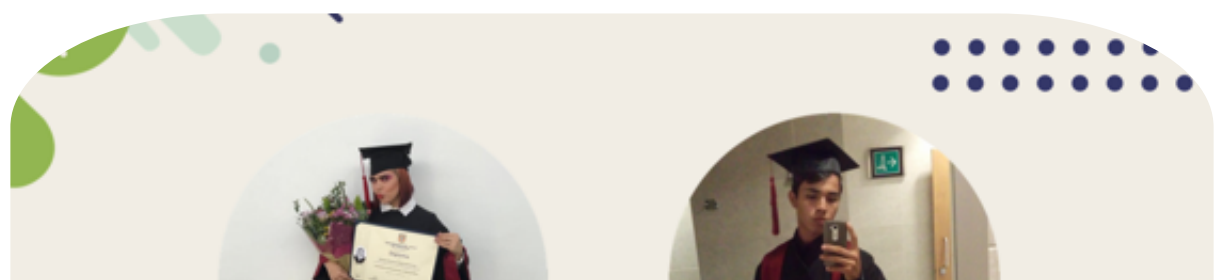
■ must graduate from high school. By sponsoring a student, you can change their lives forever and the lives of their current family and future generations. ■

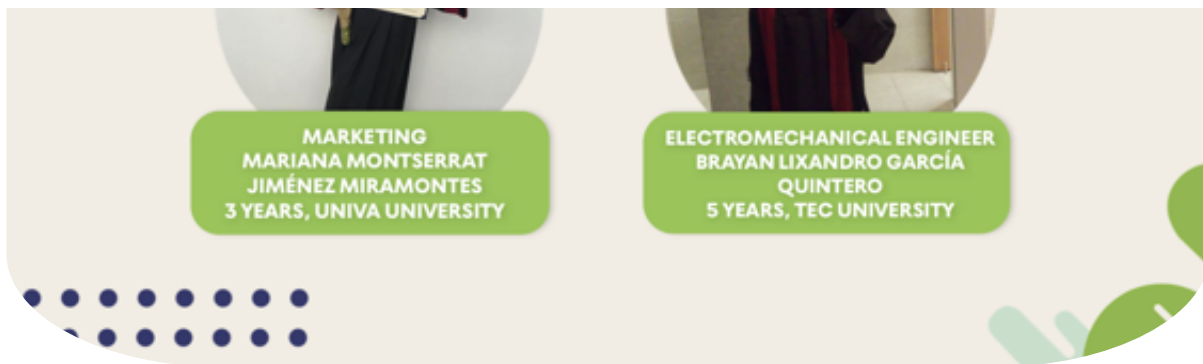


■ The Scholarship Program is a vital part of VKEP's success with the children and families in Volcanes. While not a lot of money (USD \$300 to USD \$500 a year), it is sufficient to convince parents to keep their children in school and allow them to reach their potential. ■

■ After 10 years of operations, and offering scholarships to VKEP students, we finally have 4 students graduate in 2020 and another 5 students in 2021. These graduates included a Medical Doctor, a register nurse, an architect, a ■

■ nutritionist, a teacher, an engineer, a marketer ■
■ and an accountant. ■





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